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Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Restriction Action mailed August 25, 2004, which response is being made on or before September 25, 2004.

Applicants hereby elect Species of Figures 1 - 19.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any one or more of the non-elected species.

Respectfully submitted,


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